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THE ALLEGED ROBBERY AT
YAU MATI.

Mr. Hazeland heard additional evidence
yesterday in the charge against six
Chinese charged with committing an armed
robbery at Yau mati.
Mr. P. W. Giddings represented the first
and third defendants, Mr. Pre ten defend-
ed the fifth, while the fourth and sixth
were unrepresented.
A rent collector gave evidence to the
effect that several robbers rushed into the
house on the night of Dec. 5 when he was
saying good-bye to a friend. Two first and
fourth defendants looked like the robbers
and he "recognized the second, third and
fifth slightly."
Mr. Giddings asked witness if it
was not a fact that he and the fifth of the
house had gambled or spent money belong-
ing to their mother in Yau mati and that
the charge was made to save them-
selves.
Witness replied that it was not so.
The hearing was again adjourned.

BRITISH ADMIRALS.

The oldest of the British admirals on
the active list is Sir Douglas Gamble,
who has completed his 65th year and
commands the Fourth Battle Squadron
with his flag in the Dreadnought. Vice-
Admiral Sir Lewis Bayly, commanding
the First Battle Squadron, and Vice-
Admiral Carden are both 57, while the
commander-in-chief, Sir John Jellicoe,
was 53 on the 5th of December. The
youngest of the officers who have reached
flag rank is still Sir David Beatty, who
will not be 44 until January; but Com-
modore Roger Keyes, who is in charge
of his submarine service is only 42. Out
of the whole 38 officers only four are
younger than Nelson was at Trafalgar;
but the four who took part in the action
off Heligoland and who are still employ-
ed present a notable array of youth, since
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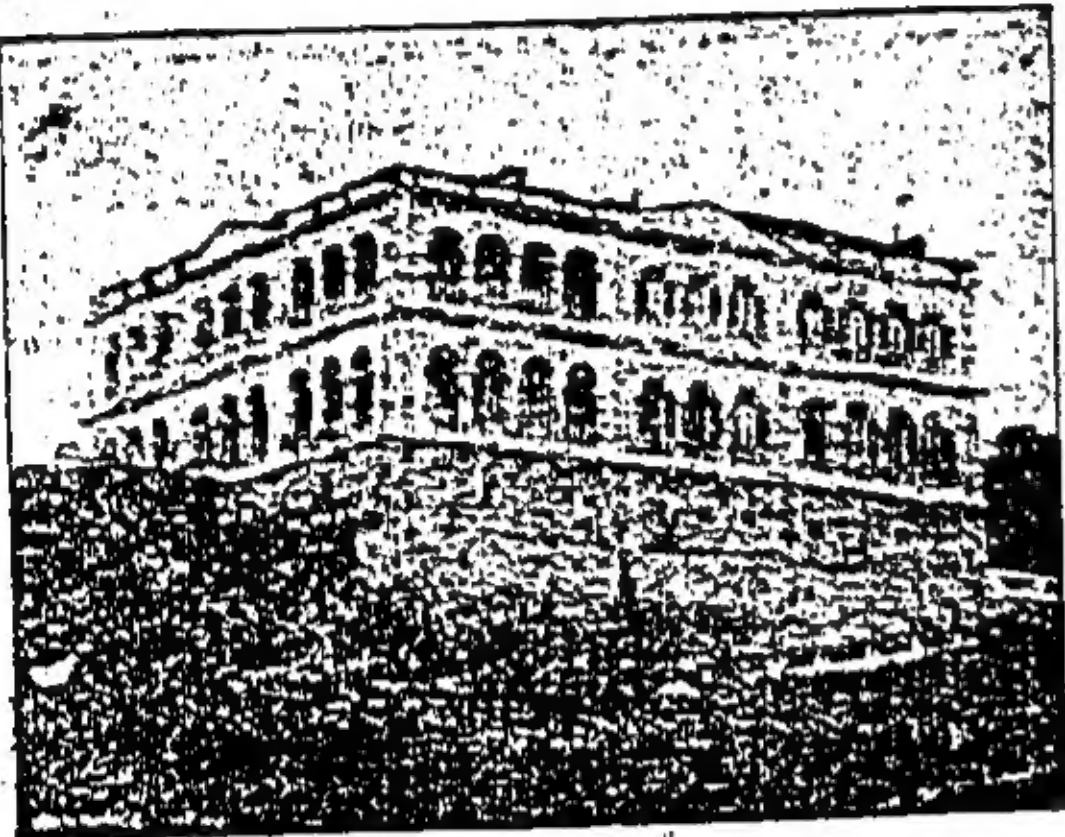
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, November 26.

"OUR BOYS WILL SPEAK OF TYRES."

Neil Munro, the Scottish novelist,
author of "John Splendid," is at present
in France. He says that the British are
"an Army of gentlemen." You cannot but
be proud of them. Of the thousands I have
seen at an march, or in numerous cities,
towns, and villages in what were their
hours of relaxation, there has not been one
to disgrace his uniform. Marlborough and
Wellington had no such men for decency,
for discipline, for cleanliness, for restraint.
French soldiers and French civilians alike
were constantly admiring eyes on our khaki
uniforms, so clean, so orderly, so well-
equipped, as "tres pratiques." There
were no tales of discourtesy, or brav-
ing, or excess, or even so much as
putting out troops in Belgium or in France,
and a civilian Britisher who enters some
town his campaigning countrymen have but
faintly quitted will find himself back in the
afterglow of their passing. It is significant
that the foe, save for his propensities
as a Dum Dum bullet, has made no
account of our troops. The conduct of our men.
The e follows a
characteristic Neil Munro touch about Red
Flanders. "A Highland sergeant nearly
from the trenches, wounded, ragged, weary
to the bone, and yet with blazing eyes, said
ferently to me, 'Our boys will speak of
Tyres.' Well, may they call it
Tyres! He was the first man of the
rank I had heard pronounce that baffling
name correctly; no Highlander, at least,
should err about it, for its sound is the
sound of the Gaelic word for 'Sanctify.'
He adds that the word is 'Tyres' and is
sixty miles to Tyres through the air, but the
ebb and flow of the battle tides at Tyres
reach immediately on the quays and rail-
way here, which is the chief base hospital.
On days when the combat elements in the
lines are clear and the salvage of the field
is operative, for a fall in Boulogne means
the fighting at the trenches and in the
streets of these devastated towns in
Flanders."

H. H. the Babes of Sarawak delivered a
lecture in the Philosophical Institution,
Edinburgh, on Sarawak and its people.
She explained the success which had
attended the settlement of Sarawak and the
fact that European civilization had not been
imposed upon the people, but that changes
had been made gradually. Legislation
waited upon occasion, and no laws were
changed without consulting the people.
At present Sarawak was in a prosperous
state; it did not owe a penny of debt; and
its revenues were increasing. Nobody's
rights were taken from them. No com-
pany would have a footing there if it
despoiled the natives; and it was mentioned
that one of the most important companies
was composed of Scotsmen.

A HIGHLANDER HAS PASSED.
In the little narrow street of the French
borough a Highlander has passed, writes
a Frech correspondent. The old lady
who inhabits the finest house leaves the
window of her prayer book. This un-
expected passenger recalls to her Walter
Scott's novel, "The Red Rover," and the old lady
smiles with melancholy. A schoolboy runs
towards his mother and exclaims, "Ma-
m, here is 'this good little Devil' who has
grown!" because in the schoolboy's
library the famous book "A Good
Little Devil" holds a predominant place
and this book relates the adventures
of a English kilted soldier, the Red
Major, who was wounded during the 1870
war, and afterwards with his military wife,
"Hats off." Here is the heroic defender
of our dear France! Without him we would
be crushed under the German boot.
Then the schoolboy runs to shake hands
with a Scottish soldier. A romantic
young lady who is, dreaming on her
lacy, throws a rose to him, and the old
lady addresses for him an ardent prayer to
God. In the little narrow street of the
French borough a Highlander has passed.

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in vain to make a draper out of him. He roared with laughter when I suggested that he might have been wise to follow their advice. "Gee, no," he said, "I would have died of consumption or some-

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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CONTRABAND.

SOME MODIFICATIONS OF PRESENT REGULATIONS.

THE OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND POLAND.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

GERMAN BATTERIES SILENCED.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.5 p.m.
A Paris communique states—From the sea to the Oise wet weather has been experienced. There were some artillery duels. Our heavy guns opposite Neulesse silenced German batteries. There has been a particularly violent cannonading in the Aisne district and at Champagne our batteries maintained their superiority and shelled violently the enemy's reserves.

MARKED PROGRESS IN UPPER ALSACE.

In Upper Alsace the progress of the French troops is again marked. Yesterday they occupied the neighbourhood of the church of Steinbach, the cemetery, and, in the region of Pethes, seized several points d'appui. There has been intermittent cannonading from the Argonne to the Meuse and the heights of the Meuse. The French unsuccessfully attempted to carry Bourbaki. Their progress was continued at Bois-la-Petite, however, and they carried an important height to the westward of Cernay and repulsed a counter-attack made against the position.

GERMANS ADMIT THE LOSS OF STEINBACH.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 3.50 p.m.
A telegram from Amsterdam states that a Berlin communique admits that the French have taken Steinbach despite severe German resistance.

(Official Telegram from French Government via Peking.)

Circular No. 122 states:—On the 2nd inst. north of the Lys the Germans showed only slight activity, except in the Zonnebeke region where they bombarded. Artillery fighting prevailed in the Albert and Boye regions. French batteries destroyed several trenches and a barricade on Albert-Poronne road; also a German commanding post at Mouchy. French infantry progressed 500 metres in the vicinity of Laboisselle. Lively artillery fighting prevailed west and east of Crouche. The French exploded two mine furnaces in the Rheims sector and progressed 30 metres in the vicinity of Pethes les Hurus and 300 metres near Beau Sejour. In Lagrange wood the Germans sustained very heavy losses. Rain and bad weather prevailing in Verdun region and also on heights of Meuse, allowed only an artillery duel, in the course of which the enemy continued to bombard villages situated in French lines.

The French destroyed a blockhouse in the vicinity of Marcheville and added 50 metres to the previous gains obtained on the 27th December in Bouchot wood. East of Woivre the French progress was limited to Lepretre wood. The French maintained their previous gains in the Thann region and bombarded a German military train at Altkirk Station. They also destroyed several points on the Charspach and Dispersch Railway line (south-west of Altkirk).

GREAT BRITAIN AND CONTRABAND.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.25 p.m.
A telegram from Washington states that the British Embassy has notified that cooped shipped before it had been declared contraband would, it seized, be paid for or released.
No cargoes for Italy have been detained at Gibraltar since Dec. 4, and negotiations are proceeding in London to remove the embargo on rubber.

RUSSIANS PROGRESSING IN POLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.15 a.m.
A Petrograd communique says:—There has been a severe artillery engagement along the whole front on the left bank of the Vistula.
German attempts to advance at various points of the Bzura were unsuccessful. The enemy were discovered crossing the Bzura early on Saturday morning. They were attacked by the bayonet. The few survivors surrendered. There was also desperate all night fighting on Friday to the north-east of Bzura, ending in the dislodgment of the enemy from a portion of the trenches they had captured.
A German Brigade on Saturday afternoon attacked our position north-east of Bolimov. They were repulsed with heavy loss.
The enemy's attacks near Wolowine, south of the Vistula, were repulsed.

AUSTRIANS FLEEING BEFORE THE RUSSIANS.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 5.15 a.m.
A Petrograd communique says:—We are advancing successfully in the Uzok and Rostok Passes in the Carpathians, the fleeing Austrians abandoning prisoners and mitrailleurs.

WAR NEWS.

A member of the Cypris Islands staff in a letter to the Daily Chronicle, on the occasion of the visit of the schooner Ayasha to Batavia, remarks:—

When the 40 odd Germans who had landed on Cece to destroy the cable station found themselves marooned owing to the flight of the Ayasha they seized "King" (Cicuta) Rot's schooner Ayasha and sailed away. But the Ayasha makes four feet of water a day, and both her pumps are out of order.

GERMANY GETTING TIRED.

A correspondent of the "Evening News" who has just returned from Berlin says she finds a different tone there. Berlin is becoming duller daily, fearing an air raid. The Germans still believe in final victory, but are getting tired of the length of the war.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK.

Petrograd, official: The German cruiser Friedrich Karl was sunk during the last sortie in the Baltic Sea. Two-thirds of the crew were drowned and less than two hundred were saved.

POLAND FIRST: WESTERN WORK LATER.

LONDON, Dec. 18.
The Petrograd correspondent of "The Times" reports that Germans from the French front state that the Kaiser ordered Warsaw to be taken at all costs. Our present task, he said, "is in Poland and the time to settle business in the West is later." It is understood that General Hindenburg will be reinforced by nine corps within a month; three were sent recently. Two have been sent to Hungary and twenty remain in Poland.

SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Record shipping freights are reported in London where 40% for grain from the River Plate to England is recorded, compared with 12 1/2% in the summer. 95% for cotton from Savannah to Liverpool is also unannounced.

ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS FROM LANDWEHR.

Heartily Sick of the War.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
The Press Bureau has issued a statement by Eyewitness which says: The opposition now encountered really amounts to a maze of fire trenches and obstacles, whereas every known form is used. "The rate of advance is necessarily slow, though tactically we gain a few yards which may be important in facilitating further operations."

It appears from the evidence of prisoners that many of the Landwehr are heartily sick of the war and recent the harsh treatment of officers. They have been persuaded that the British ill-treat prisoners, otherwise they would surrender. The Germans appear to be disenchanted their famous helmets and are covering the red bands of forage caps with strips of grey cloth. Also there are many variations of uniforms which are brighter than the service dress and is evidence that certain units facing us are much under strength.

THE YORKSHIRE RAID.

Condition of Bombed Towns.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
Correspondents touring the bombed towns are appalled at the wholesale destruction. The Germans apparently directed a vivid fire over the widest possible area. Even an earthquake would not cause such ruin. The residential quarters of Harlepool are chiefly damaged and the shopping quarter is hardly touched.

Work is proceeding at the work-shops and docks as usual and the train service is normal. The only public inconvenience is the partial stoppage of gas supply. Latest information from Scarborough says women and children figure largely in the casualties.

American newspapers say the result of the raid will be to stiffen John Bull. The attempt to frighten the English by the possibility of a raid is ludicrous seeing that Britain and France command the sea as never before.

WAR ORPHANS.

Adoption by American Families.

The "Chicago Tribune," one of the most influential papers in the United States, has started a scheme for ameliorating the lot of orphans left destitute by the war, irrespective of creed or nationality. It proposes to find homes in American families for these children with a view to legal adoption, or homes for three years with subsequent return to their native lands if desired.

A special commissioner of the "Tribune" will shortly arrive in Europe to arrange for carrying out the plan, which has aroused great enthusiasm in the United States, and to investigate legal and other difficulties, if any. As it is especially desired to help Belgian orphans, the active support of Cardinal Mercier of Malines, who recently returned to Belgium from England, will be sought. The "Tribune" telegraphed to the Editor of "The Times" that it has already been found for 400 war orphans.

WAR NEWS.

A DAY AT KIEL.

LONDON, Dec. 22.
An American correspondent has cabled to New York a description of a day in Kiel harbour. He says the Germans have great faith in their new "super-submarine." The crews of the two boats in action in two hours have five hours' gun drill daily, and eleven thousand men are working day and night in the dockyard finishing ships which are due to be ready in three months. Nevertheless, the Germans are not over-elated.

FLYING MEN EXCHANGE IMAS GREETINGS.

The Raid on Friedrichshafen.

LONDON, Dec. 22.
German aeroplanes at Dunkirk dropped messages asking that enquiries be made for the body of the son of a German general, girl's news of a captured French aviator and wishing the French aviator a happy Christmas.

A Rome telegram says that since the raid on Friedrichshafen, not a single aircraft has emerged from the sheds, and the most careful precautions have been taken against a fresh attack.

In the daring aerial raid made by Ensigns Lieutenants E. P. Briggs, R.N., of the Royal Flying Corps, on the German Zeppelin station at Friedrichshafen, on Lake Constance, he was accompanied by Lieutenant J. T. Babington, R.N., also of the Royal Flying Corps, and Sippe, a French aviator. Lieutenant Briggs led the flight, which began on November 22, from Balloch, in France. Flying at a height of 11,000 metres (about 4300 ft.) he crossed Alsace and followed the valley of the Rhine eastward to Schaffhausen, on the Wartburg, a frontier of Switzerland. He was pursued by a fog, which hid the country below, and bore away in mistake to the northward. Lieutenant Babington and Sippe, without seeing each other, followed up the Rhine to Lake Constance, which Sippe crossed in a small boat, a though flying only a few feet above the surface he was not seen. When Sippe reached Friedrichshafen, on the northern shore of Lake Constance, he rose just above the tops of the houses, and then sighted Briggs, who had rectified his course and was dropping bombs on the German Zeppelin station, from which showers of shrapnel were bursting round his aeroplane. Sippe also dropped bombs on the airship sheds and workshops, and saw the workmen fleeing in panic. He then bore off and alighted at his starting point. Babington also returned in safety, and alighted near by. Meanwhile Briggs had been wounded by the shrapnel, and fought with his revolver when his aeroplane was brought down until he was captured.

Christmas at the Front.

BRITAIN'S GIFT TO HER SOLDIER BOYS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.
There are indications that Christmas at the front will be merrier than at home. For days special staffs have been very busy sorting and despatching Britain's mighty Christmas Box for her soldiers. It consists chiefly of chocolate, sweets, cakes, tinned milk and tobacco.

Princess Mary's Fund for providing Christmas gifts to the troops totalled on Monday, £151,700. The soldiers are keenly anticipating merry-making. French military cooks are learning to make plum puddings.

Mr. Seymour Hicks is taking a company of leading artists to give a week's entertainment in the soldiers' line of communication.

Princess Mary's fund for providing gifts for the troops amounted on Tuesday to one hundred and fifty-three thousand two hundred sterling.

BREACH OF P.ROLE.

Bangalore, 23rd Nov.—The Revs. A. H. Bach and G. Schmidt, managers of the German Basel Evangelical Mission Orphanage in Bangalore, having committed a breach of parole by teaching the Orphanage children to regard the English nation as their enemies, were brought into Bangalore under military escort and will be sent to Ahmednagar.

SOAP FIRMS' TRADE MARK.

Interim Injunction Granted.

JAPANESE FIRM AS DEFENDANT.

On behalf of Messrs William Gossage & Son, soap manufacturers, of Wilkes, Lancashire, England, Mr. E. J. P. Jones applied to the Chief Justice (Sir William J. P. Jones) this morning for an interim injunction restraining the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, of Japan and Hongkong, and their servants and agents from infringing trade marks used by plaintiffs by a flag or advertising or offering for sale soap in packets or boxes which were a colourable imitation of those used and registered by plaintiffs.

Mr. J. J. Jones said he was instructed that Mr. Jenkins, on behalf of defendants, was prepared to consent to an interim injunction being granted until the trial. He referred his Lordship to affidavits on the file, these including one by Mr. W. G. Humphreys, of Messrs W. G. Humphreys and Co., plaintiffs, agents in Hongkong, who spoke of the alleged infringement. Counsel added that a certain brand of the plaintiffs' soap was sold in a wrapper bearing the Chinese characters for "Lung Fat Kam," by which name it was generally known to the Chinese, and defendants imported into this Colony soap in a wrapper bearing precisely the same characters, the packages in which it was contained being of a similar colour and shape to that used by plaintiffs. The Chinese characters did not form part of Messrs Gossage's English trade mark, but were specially registered in Hongkong.

Mr. Jenkins consented to an interim injunction, and said defendants were not at this stage in a position to defend the action. Their position was that their interest in the soap complained of was a selling agent for a firm in Japan. Their position as selling agents for a Japanese firm had been advised upon, that advice had been sent to Japan and they were awaiting instructions from the chief office. Defendants did not in any way admit the alleged infringement. As a matter of fact they had only been selling the soap during the last fortnight. His Lordship granted the interim injunction on the usual terms.

Solicitors: For plaintiffs Messrs Wilkes and Gossage; for defendants Messrs Hastings and Hastings.

WAR NEWS.

DEFECTIVE TORPEDOES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.
Paris—Official: An Austrian submarine launched two torpedoes at a French battleship in the Straits of Otranto. One hit, but there was little damage and no casualties.

FRENCH WAR CREDIT.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
Paris—The Parliament has voted unanimously amid cheers was credits exceeding 341 millions sterling. Parliament has adjourned indefinitely.

SUCCESS OF AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES.

LONDON, Dec. 22.
Petrograd—Official: The German vanguard again attempted to cross the frontier in the direction of Mlava. German losses as the result of our counter-attack at Baura and Ravka rivers may be computed from the fact that we counted more than a thousand dead round Siermiwskale. The success of our operations is due to the work of automobile batteries. The Russians shattered three German resistance in the direction of an capturing prisoners and arms. During the fighting, a western Galicia, on the 20th inst., the twenty-sixth division of the Austrian Landwehr, marching without precautions, south of Tarkovo, fell into an ambush. Russians holding a ridge parallel with the road suddenly fired a ridge parallel with the road, the enemy, who fled in disorder leaving 1,500 dead. The Russians on Sunday and Monday captured 4,300 Austrian in western Galicia. The Russian and Austro-German front extends from Ilid to the river Dunajetz, and east of Warsaw to Cracow, roughly 80 miles north and south.

THE ALLEGED ROBBERY AT YAUMATI.

The charge of armed robbery against six Chinese, alleged to have taken place at 5, Shanghai Street, Yaumati, was resumed before Mr. Hazlewood this afternoon.

Mr. Goldring appeared on behalf of the first three defendants, Mr. Preston represented the fifth, and the fourth and sixth defendants were unrepresented. The prosecution was conducted by Inspector Gerrard.

It was alleged that the defendants rushed into the house early one morning, when the chief officer was bidding farewell to a friend, seized the sofa and stole money and clothing.

Mr. Goldring had suggested that the folks had gambled away money belonging to their master and had brought the charge to answer themselves.

A woman gave evidence to the effect that subsequent to the robbery she saw the sixth defendant with a large sum of money and a number of bangles. Defendant paid her \$40 and she asked him what he was going to do when all the money was gone, he said he did not care but could go "dig for some more."

Witness did not know how much money the defendant had left, but he had a roll of notes and promised to buy her for \$300. She did not think the roll of notes would amount to that sum.

The case was again adjourned.

CANTON ITEMS.

(By Our Canton Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 31, 1914.
The Fatsan Electric Light Co. presents a healthy record of prosperity since its establishment, but the fact that the machines are capable of only a very limited amount of power has given them not a little trouble. An additional dynamo was installed last month but complaints are being continually received from disatisfied consumers on account of the dimness of the light furnished. At the present time the Co. is discussing the advisability of ordering at once a large engine and more efficient dynamo.

The Kwang Tung Government is negotiating for a foreign loan of £750,000, through Mr. C. S. Page, of Shanghai. This money is to be used in developing the Sha Tin as a commercial port and expanding the leather manufacturing in that place. The contract has been approved by the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and by the Financial Department, and is now in the hands of the Civil Governor for his signature.

The Central Government is negotiating for another Interior Public loan to meet demands for the coming year. Compared with the loan of last year for the same purpose, it amounts to only one-half as much, that is, \$3,000,000. Security for the interest at 6%, amounting to \$450,000 a year, is to be the profits derived from the two railway stations at Sai Pa How and Wang Yuen Kwan. It has been agreed that the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications. The pledge for the principal will be the income of the Kowloon Railway which has hitherto been over \$2,000,000 a year.

A movement is now on foot in Canton having for its object the establishment of a strong and efficient Medical College for the training of native physicians. There are already several institutions of this kind, but the nature of the work done in some of them could hardly be commended favourably upon while the best are far from being too good to be improved. If a combination of some kind could be effected by which the clinical work of all the larger hospitals could be drawn upon and the most skillful of the doctors in charge be interested in the work, it is fairly probable a really good Medical College might be established. We sincerely hope the movement will prosper.

For want of money to defray the administrative expenses of Kwang Tung provinces, Governor-General Lung and Civil General Li jointly memorialized the President, asking permission to change the present "Fung Ching-shan Lottery" into a permanent office to be known as the "Kwang Tung Benevolent Lottery," the privilege to be granted to a merchant by the name of Pak Yuen Kwan who is willing to pay a sum of \$420,000 annually for this grant. Interference to the telegram of the Governor, permission was given them to proceed with the matter, and the establishment has been made that in Jan. the scheme will be launched. Tickets are to be sold at 10, 20 and 25 cents each. This of course means the sacrifice of the gambling in Canton, and the Governor-General is now enquiring. Let them look to her laurels.

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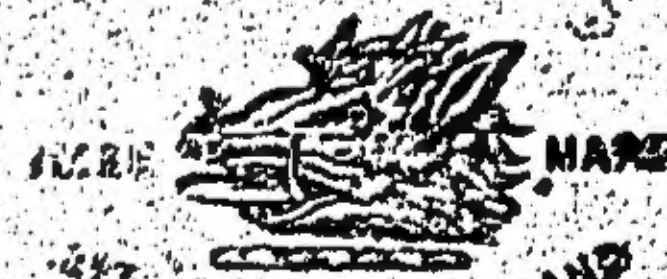
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